THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SHANTARAM POTDUKHE): (a) The total number of persons recruited in Government service at various levels through the UPSC and the Staff Selection Commission, which are the major recruiting organisations of the Central Government, during the year 1988-89, 1989-90 and 1990-91 are given below:

Year	UPSC	SSC	Total
1988-89	6863	18282	25145
1989-90	6457	17586	24043
1990-91	7432	16993	24425

Information relating to the number of candidates selected by other recruiting organisations and invididual Ministries/ Departments/Offices is not centrally maintained.

(b) The number of Government servants has not decreased over the years.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) and (e) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House as early as possible.

(f) Rationalisation of expenditure on Government establishment is a continuous exercise which *inter alia* includes sanction of staff only on the basis of established norms, reduction of staff to effect economy and review of activities of various Ministries/ Departments which a view to avoiding overlapping of functions, etc.

Ban on External and Internal Loans

3203. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to impose ban on external and internal loans for a period of five years;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SHANTARAM POTDUKHE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The loans raised from external and internal sources are utilised for financing expenditure on developmental purposes, and hence these loans cannot be completely stopped. However, while deciding on fresh borrowing, both externally and internally, the need for keeping the debt burden within prudent limits is kept in view, so that the debt servicing liability does not exceed the capacity of the economy to service the loans.

Increase in the Number of Income-tax Payers

3204. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been any annual growth in the number of income-tax payers in the country upto 31st March, 1992-, and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof during the past three years, year-wise and State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) and (b) The numsber of new assessees added in various charges of Chief Commissioners of Income-tax are indicated in the statement enclosed.